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In the Application of:

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For: Method and Apparatus for Stock and Index)

Option Price Improvement, Participation, and

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Examiner: Jagdish N. Patel

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and issuance of any office action in this application, please amend the application in this case as follows:

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